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Sent: Monday, August 5, 2019 8:06 AM
To: McInerney, Lucy (ECY) <LPEB461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Subject: Re: Bellingham waterfront

To Washington State Department of Ecology;

I am contact you regarding the clean up plans for Bellingham's Central Waterfront Site. I just became informed that the clean up plans do not include all of the contamination sites and would like for you to hold a public meeting in Bellingham regarding this issue. The health of our waterways and shoreline is very important, and I feel anything less than a full clean up of contamination is counterproductive and shortsighted. I have concerns that the Cleanup Action Plan is not adequate. The smaller non-continuous spots to the North and South of the already asphalted area are no less important to ensure we improve the health of our environment.

I request you hold at least 1 if not 2 open public meetings for more public comment on this important and long lasting action plan that leaves too much contaminated soil in the ground by capping instead of removal. Your website says the DOE will hold such a meeting if you get 10 requests. Add my name to the list for this request.

I am a community member who stays engaged and generally is well informed on what is happening in Bellingham. As someone running for office, my focus on those efforts meant that this would have been missed if it was not pointed out by a friend. I am not contacting you as a candidate, but as a long time Bellingham resident who has spent a lot of time working for the health and well-being of our community. I know of many community members who are equally engaged and this has not been a topic of discussion. Our local elections have been a bit consuming and I feel that in its wake, our community will realize this very important issue got past them based on just a written announcement. I know a public meeting is needed to ensure we engage our community fully.

As such, please hold an extended comment period and an open public meeting on this issue essential to the future of Bellingham. Once you have ten written requests for a public meeting, please keep the comment open until you are able to arrange a public meeting in Bellingham.

Thank you,

Lisa A. Anderson